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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS**

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

NATHANIEL SHAY KNEEDLER,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 05-30179

D.C. No. CR-03-02082-WFN

MEMORANDUM^{*}

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Eastern District of Washington
Wm. Fremming Nielsen, Senior District Judge, Presiding

Submitted February 13, 2006^{**}

Before: FERNANDEZ, RYMER, and BYBEE, Circuit Judges.

Nathaniel Shay Kneedler appeals from the guilty-plea conviction and sentence imposed for distribution of a controlled substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 18 U.S.C. § 2. Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S.

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^{**} This panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

738 (1967), counsel for Kneedler has filed a brief stating that he finds no grounds for relief, along with a motion to withdraw as counsel of record. Kneedler has not filed a pro se supplemental brief.

Our independent review of the record pursuant to *Penon v. Ohio*, 488 U.S. 75, 83 (1988), discloses no grounds for relief on direct appeal.

Accordingly, counsel's motion to withdraw is **GRANTED** and the district court's judgment is **AFFIRMED**.